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I have recently learned about the Environmental Protection Agency's proposed plan to clean up the contamination in the Willamette River. From what I now know about this plan, I don't think it is the best option, especially from the perspective of a Portland business owner. What concerns me most, however, is the fact that until recently, I had not really received any information about this plan and how it might possibly affect me and my business.

My hotel, the Rodeway Inn, isn't near the part of the river that the EPA is planning on dredging, but I am sure that businesses in that area are very concerned about how it will affect them. Like me, they rely on the busy tourist seasons, like this summer, for much of their income. Having a portion of the river dredged day and night for years, maybe longer, could not help but damage their businesses. Blocking even part of the river would be a problem. Starting with a smaller section of the river, or even doing as other experts have suggested and letting the river continue to heal itself, would be preferable.

Because I'm just now learning about this, it's hard for me to comment on specifics as much as I would like. I need time to study the issue more, so my only real comment is that those who live and have businesses here in Portland should all get the chance to have their voices heard. The EPA's plan will impact everyone who lives here, but many of them, like me, may still not have a good idea of what it will involve, or that it even exists. I would suggest that there be a greater effort to inform the general public about this plan and give them the time needed to comment on it. I believe that many of them will agree with me that, as it is currently set up, the EPA plan is bad for Portland.

Sincerely,

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